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TOPIC: Soviet Tank Movements in the Area South of COTTBUS

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. a. Two hundred twenty-six tanks, mostly of type JS, were observed moving in the area south of COTTBUS towards GALLINCHEN (O 52/A 56) - SPREMBERG (O 52/A 64), during the early morning hours of 25 and 26 August 1949.

b. The tanks, which had not been detrained at the COTTBUS railroad station, were said to have come from an assembly position in woods.

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25X1 Comment:

25X1 a. The information on tank movements in the area south of COTTBUS is forwarded with reserve

25X1 b. Since the tanks were said to have come from the COTTBUS area, they may have belonged to component units of the 9th Wehr Div (Cadre) which were to be transferred to the area south of WEI SWASSER for maneuvers *. However the allegedly counted 226 tanks are too many to belong to one mechanized division, if SP guns are not included.

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